



## MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**About the Position.** The Mississippi State Department Health, Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity is seeking to fill one (1) Program Specialist Supervisor vacancy. The Injury and Violence Prevention Director will utilize injury surveillance systems to determine the leading causes of serious injuries and violence in communities throughout Mississippi. The director will develop and facilitate key injury and violence prevention activities including outreach, education, and policy changes to decrease the overall incidence of intentional and unintentional injury-related mortality and morbidity in the state. Program activities will include promoting the implementation of evidence-based programs to priority populations; providing technical support and ensuring that appropriate injury and violence prevention training opportunities are available, including skills and materials related to best practice; and engaging public and private partners to educate the public, policy makers, and others about leading causes of death and disability in Mississippi pertaining to injuries and violence.

This position will also be responsible for maintaining the Mississippi Violent Death Reporting System (MS-VDRS). The MS-VDRS collects and disseminates information on the circumstances of violent deaths occurring in Mississippi through the CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). This is a high visibility federal grant program involving multiple stakeholder groups. These stakeholders include medical examiners and coroners, sheriff and police chiefs, violence prevention educators, other state agencies, and local public health jurisdictions. The Director will also work in coordination with the MS-VDRS epidemiologist in all activities, including developing findings, articulating, and promoting prevention and policy recommendations, and disseminating evolving data to stakeholders and the public.

**What You'll Need to be Successful:** A successful candidate exhibits excellent supervisor qualities to provide leadership to lower-level staff, excellent communication skills, applies good judgement, is organized, pays close attention to details, meets deadlines, follows, and enforces rules/policies/procedures, and promotes teamwork.

**Salary:** \$ 61,416.94

**Location(s):** Hinds

**Qualifications:** Typically requires a Bachelor's Degree, 7+ years of related experience, and 2-4 years of supervisory experience.

**How to Apply:** Interested applicants should submit State of Mississippi Employment Application (<http://www.mspb.ms.gov/media/6595/application%20word%20template.pdf>) and to:

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